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SUBJECT: MUNITIONS LIST CASES FOR NICARAGUA

REFS: (A) ROBINSON MEMO DATED 19 JUNE,(B) BUSHNELL MEMO
DATED 3 JULY

1. REF (B) RECEIVED BY DCM WHILE AT DEPARTMENT IN JULY. EMB
COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES FOLLOW.
 2. ORDER BY NICARAGUAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, FOR REVOLVERS,
PISTOLS, AMMUNITION AND MAGAZINES TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH
CRAWFORD INTERNATIONAL. WHILE THESE ITEMS APPEAR TO BE
THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT USED FOR EMBASSY SECURITY, EMB SUGGESTS
DEPARTMENT MAKE INQUIRY DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY FOR FULLER DETAILS.
PURCHASE APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH USG POLICY.
 3. ORDER BY DANIEL SOMARRIBA (PRIVATE NICARAGUAN CITIZEN)
FOR REVOLVERS AND HOLSTERS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH JOHN JOVINO
CO. SOMARRIBA IS A WEALTHY AGRICULTURALIST AND THE ORDER APPEARS
TO BE DESTINED FOR USE BY SECURITY GUARDS AT HIS FARM. EMB
PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO SALE.
 4. ORDER FROM MINISTRY OF ECONOMY FOR CARBINES, SHOTGUNS,
REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH SOUTHERN GUN
DISTRIBUTORS. EMB BELIEVES WEAPONS INTENDED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
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- SECURITY FOR MINISTRY AND MINISTER (WHO HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF
TWO ATTACKS WITHIN THE PAST MONTH) AND PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION.
5. ORDER BY NATIONAL GUARD FOR SPARE TANK PARTS TO BE PURCHASED
THROUGH MAPCO INDUSTRIES. EMB BELIEVES THESE PARTS ARE FOR MAIN-
TENANCE AND REPAIR OF TANK ENGINES. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO
QUERY APPLICANT REGARDING SPECIFIC PARTS IN ORDER TO MAKE A

DECISION.

6. GON ORDER FOR AIRCRAFT FLARES TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH WHITTAKER CORPORATION. FLARES DESTINED FOR AID-SEA RESCUE USE, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH USG POLICY. NO OBJECTION TO SALE.

7. BANCO CENTRAL ORDER FOR 101 REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH JONAS AIRCRAFT AND ARMS CO. HAS ALREADY REPORTED (MANGUA 1400) THAT WEAPONS ARE TO BE RESOLD TO INDIVIDUAL BANKS FOR USE BY SECURITY GUARDS. EMB RECOMMENDS ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.
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